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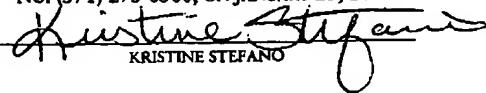
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2005 in which all pending claims 1-22 were subject to a restriction/election requirement. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to two distinct Species and four Sub-Species.

By this response, Applicant elects to prosecute Species III, figure 4; Sub-Species I, figure 5 and claims 1-5 and 18, in which read thereon in this application. This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0029, and is requested to notify us of the same.

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